**Forensic Activity: Dognapping**

Ms. Abigail Beauceron, proud owner of the grand-prize winner at the prestigious 2003 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, was leaving Madison Square Garden in the late afternoon when someone came up behind her, knocker her down, bundled FuFu in a blanket, and quickly ran out of a nearby exit to the parking garage. FuFu is a Yorkshire Terrier with black/brown.

The event was captured on a security video, but the only description obtained was that the perpetrator was wearing a dark jacket and a baseball cap. Police found a rather smelly blue wool blanket by an empty parking spot near the exit in question. Cursory examination by the officers showed some hair and fibers sticking to the fabric of the blanket.

Early the next morning, Ms. Beauceron received an unwelcome email Valentine demanding $20,000 for the safe return of FuFu, with details of the exchange to be sent at a later time. The police quickly traced the message back to an Internet room maintained for patrons of the public library. At the time the email was sent, library records showed that seven people had used the facility so far that day. While the library’s time records were not precise, they did keep a sign-in sheet of the day’s users.

The police detectives doggedly paid a visit to each suspect on the list and, brandishing a warrant, searched each residence and vehicle. They also took samples of scalp hair and any facial hair. By the end of the day, they were dog-tired, but satisfied with the information they had obtained.

1. George Shepherd. DOB 4-13-79. White male. Ht5-8. Wt 190lbs. Eyes brown. Hair brown. Occupation: Assistant manager of a fast-food restaurant next to the Coliseum. Pets: one cat.
2. Patricia Barbet. DOB 2-18-42. White female. Ht 5-4. Wt 140lbs.Eyes blue. Hair white. Occupation: Real-estate broker. Pets: bat.
3. Helmut Weimaraner. DOB 7-2-65. white male. Ht 5-7. Wt 305lbs. Eyes brown. Beard brown. Occupation: Accountant. Pets: none.
4. William Setter. DOB 5-28-72. Black Male. Ht 5-11. Wt 195lbs. Eyes brown. Hair black. Occupation: Security guard at the Coliseum. Pets: Light-brown collie and a parrot.
5. Akita Lau. DPB 8-7-70. Asian female. Ht 5-3. Wt 107lbs. Eyes brown. Hair black. Occupation: Graphic designer. Pets: Rottweiler dog.
6. Fred Basset. DOB 8-28-61. white male. Ht 5-9. Wt 175 lbs. Eyes blue. Hair blonde. Occupation: Insurance salesman. Pet: Poodle with white hair. This dog was a runner up for the last two years at the Westminster Show.
7. Maurice Spaniel. DOB 9-14-78. White male. Ht 5-8. Wt 170lbs. Eyes blue. Hair bald, no other facial hair. Occupation: Professional boxer. Pets: Irish setter with brown hair and golden retriever with orange-brown hair.

Questions to Answer:

1. Based on what you know now, do you have any thoughts on who would be your prime suspect(s)? Why?
2. Your job is to ascertain if the evidence submitted can lead to the kidnapper. A crime report must be completed with the realization that you could be called as an expert witness at trial. Therefore, any conclusions must be justified and able to withstand cross-examination.